

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 1568**

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, petition of David Paul Linsky and others for legislation to permit breast-feeding of children in public. The Judiciary.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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### **PETITION OF:**

David Paul Linsky	J. James Marzilli, Jr.
John D. Keenan	Susan C. Fargo
Louis L. Kafka	Alice K. Wolf
Ruth B. Balser	James B. Eldridge
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Brian A. Joyce	Ellen Story

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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

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### **AN ACT RELATIVE TO NURSING MOTHERS.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 16 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding  
3 the following sentence:— The act of breast-feeding a child shall not  
4 be considered a violation of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 53 of said chapter 272, as so appearing, is  
2 hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— The act of  
3 breast-feeding a child shall not be considered a violation of this  
4 section.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 272 is hereby further amended by  
2 inserting after section 98C the following section:—

3     Section 98D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, any  
4     person who is breast-feeding a child shall be entitled to any and all  
5     accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of all public  
6     conveyances, public amusements and places of public accommoda-  
7     tion, within the commonwealth, to which other persons are entitled.  
8     Whoever deprives any person who is breast-feeding, of any right  
9     conferred by this section shall be punished by a fine of not more  
10    than three hundred dollars and shall be liable to any person  
11    aggrieved thereby for such damages as are set forth in section five of  
12    chapter one hundred and fifty-one B; provided, however, that such  
13    civil forfeiture shall be of an amount not less than one hundred  
14    dollars.